

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed August 8, 2005. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 11-22, 24-32, and 35-52 remain pending. More specifically, Applicants amend claims 19, 22, 24, 28, and 35-38. Claims 39-52 are newly added. Claims 1-10, 23, and 33-34 are canceled. Applicants do not believe that any new matter has been added by amendment or by adding new claims. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

CLAIMS

Claim 22

The Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 22 is allowable if it is rewritten to incorporate dependent claim 23. Claim 22 has been amended to include the features of dependent claim 23, and therefore, claim 22 is in condition for allowance.

In addition, claims 24 and 43-47 are believed to be allowable for at least the reason that these claims depend from allowable independent claim 22. *In re Fine, Minnesota Mining and Mfg.Co. v. Chemque, Inc.*, 303 F.3d 1294, 1299 (Fed. Cir. 2002).

Claim 19

Applicants traverse the rejection of claim 19 and the claims dependent upon claim 19. However, in order to expedite allowance of the pending claims, claim 19 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 23. Applicants submit that claim 19 is allowable for reasons similar to that of claim 22. Therefore, claim 19 is in condition for allowance.

In addition, claims 20-21 and 39-42 are believed to be allowable for at least the reason that these claims depend from allowable independent claim 19.

Claim 28

The Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 28 is allowable if it is rewritten to incorporate dependent claims 33 and 34. Claim 28 has been amended to include the features of dependent claims 33 and 34, and therefore, claim 28 is in condition for allowance.

In addition, claims 29-32 are believed to be allowable for at least the reason that these claims depend from allowable independent claim 28.

Claims 35-37

Applicants traverse the rejection of claims 35, 36, and 37. However, in order to expedite allowance of the pending claims, claims 35, 36, and 37 have each been amended to include the limitations of claim 33 and 34. Applicants submit that claims 35, 36, and 37 are each allowable for reasons similar to that of claim 28. Therefore, claims 35, 36, and 37 are each in condition for allowance.

Claims 49-52

Applicants respectfully submit that newly added claims 49-52 are allowable for at least the reason that these claims depend from allowable independent claim 25.

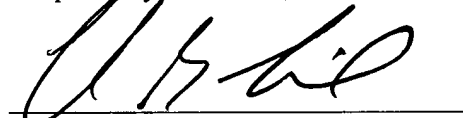
CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested.

In addition, any other statements in the Office Action that are not explicitly addressed herein are not intended to be admitted. In addition, any and all findings of inherency are traversed as not having been shown to be necessarily present. Furthermore, any and all findings of well-known art and official notice, or statements interpreted similarly, should not be considered well known since the Office Action does not include specific factual findings predicated on sound technical and scientific reasoning to support such conclusions.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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